International Youth Conference against Apartheid

49. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day International Youth Conference against apartheid was held in New Delhi in the second week of January, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details of the resolution adopted therein; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Conference adopted a comprehensive Programme of Action in support of the struggle against apartheid and for the liberation of South Africa with emphasis on the mobilisation of world public opinion to secure these objectives.

(c) The Programme of Action is in consonance with Government's consistent policy to secure by all available means the speediest possible dismantlement of apartheid in South Africa. Government will accordingly lend full support to the implementation of the Programme of Action.

Friendship Treaty with Pakistan

50. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any opportunity cropped up to discuss the proposal for a friendship treaty with Pakistan during the past three months;

(b) if so, at what level and on what occasion; and

(c) what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Discussions on the proposed Comprehensive Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation were held during the Foreign Secretary's talks in Islamabad from 27th to 28th December, 1986.

(c) The Treaty could not be finalised since Pakistan continued to object to the clauses on bilateralism and foreign bases proposed by us in the draft treaty.

Release of Jodhpur Detenus

51. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government have demanded various concessions including the release of Jodhpur detenus for helping it to handle the terrorist activities and law and order situation in Punab; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister, Punjab had raised this matter during his discussions with the Cabinet Sub Committee on Punjab. The discussion are continuing.